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In re Application of: Daniel L. Owen et al. )  
Application No. 09/708,154 )  
Filed: November 7, 2000 ) **DECISION ON REQUESTS FOR**  
For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND ) **WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT )  
FOR A COLLABORATIVE )  
DECISION PLATFORM )

This is a decision on the Requests To Withdraw from Representation filed June 8 and 20, 2001.

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The request filed June 20, 2001 meets all the requirements. Accordingly the request is **GRANTED**. This filing supersedes the request dated June 8, 2001 which is **DISMISSED** as **MOOT**.

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